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## Your Future In Agriculture

### 2005 Application

Commitment to Agriculture  
Scholarship Program

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# The program for investing in the future and giving back.

*Monsanto, in association with the National Association of Farm Broadcasters®, has renewed the annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program. The scholarship program recognizes deserving students with a long-term career interest in agriculture and rewards them with funding for their college education. Both Monsanto and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters are proud to provide this opportunity to young people in the agricultural community.*

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To apply for the Monsanto and National Association of Farm Broadcasters 2005 Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a high school senior enrolled in the United States.
- Have immediate family actively engaged in production agriculture.
- Not have a member of their immediate family employed by Monsanto Company or be members of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters.
- Have an average to above average academic record. Standardized test scores should be the following: for the ACT composite, a minimum of 18. For the SAT, a combined verbal and math score of at least 850. These academic parameters are general guidelines. If applicants are in doubt about their eligibility, they should apply and allow the selection committee to make the determination.
- In the fall of the next academic year, plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Applicants may pursue any field related to agriculture.
- Plan on pursuing a career in agriculture.

## SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND COVERAGE

One-time awards of \$1,500 will be presented to 100 high school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements. These awards are not based on financial need. Recipients of awards are allowed to:

- Apply funding toward tuition and fees, room, board, books and supplies.
- Transfer from one institution to another and retain the scholarship as long as they maintain their majors in agriculture.

## HOW TO APPLY

An application is contained herein. The application is also available at [www.monsanto.com](http://www.monsanto.com), [www.nafb.com](http://www.nafb.com) or [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org). It can be downloaded, filled out and printed. No Internet submitting of applications is available. All applications must be mailed and postmarked by **February 15, 2005** to: Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program, c/o National FFA Organization Scholarship Office, P. O. Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960. **Do not attach anything to the application:** no transcripts, photos, ethnic certifications, letters of recommendations or additional statements. Applications postmarked after February 15, 2005 will be disqualified.

## SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

An impartial selection committee composed of agricultural educators and agribusiness industry representatives selects the recipients beginning annually in March. In evaluating the applications, the committee will ensure applicants first meet all of the eligibility requirements and then consider academic achievement, leadership activities and work experience. The required essays are an important part of the evidence to be considered. Notifications will be mailed in June 2005.

## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Upon being awarded a scholarship, a recipient must:

- Enroll as a full-time student in the fall of the year in which the scholarship was awarded.
- Provide proof of enrollment at an accredited agriculture program to the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Administrator before receiving the scholarship check.
- Sign and return the acceptance agreement form.
- Complete the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service.

## PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

All scholarships are provided as cash awards in the form of a check issued in the fall. The checks are made payable to the recipients and their intended schools. Scholarship checks are mailed after the scholarship program administrator receives the acceptance agreement form, copy of thank you letter to sponsor and copy of the official class schedule that shows that the recipient is a full-time student for the first term in school.

## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Because Monsanto and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters wish to remain completely impartial in the selection of winners, the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program is administered through the National FFA® Organization Scholarship Program that specializes in the administration of sponsored scholarship programs for agriculture. This organization maintains a high degree of expertise in dealing with students, their parents, high schools and postsecondary schools.

## QUESTIONS

All inquiries about policies, procedures and payments should be directed to:

**Program Administrator**  
**Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program**  
**c/o National FFA Organization, Scholarship Office**  
**P.O. Box 68960**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960**  
**Phone: 317-802-6060**  
**E-mail: [scholarships@ffa.org](mailto:scholarships@ffa.org)**

# 2005 Application

## Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program

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### I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

(For office use only)

(Social Security Number) (First Name) (Last Name) (Applicant's Phone Number)

(Home - Street Address &/or P.O. Box) (Home City) (Home State) (Home Zip Code)

(County of Residence) ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Permanent Resident  
(Gender?) (U.S. Citizen?)

(High School Name) (High School - Street Address &/or PO Box)

(High School City) (School State) (High School Zip Code) (High School Phone Number)

(Applicant's E-mail Address, if available)

### II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. I am a relative of an employee of a local, state, or National Association of Farm Broadcasters or any Monsanto-owned company. ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. My family is actively engaged in production agriculture. ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Ethnicity: (specify)
- ☐ Caucasian ☐ Hispanic ☐ African-American ☐ American Indian ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander ☐ Other

### III. REQUIRED FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

I hereby certify that all academic information submitted on this application by the applicant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

High School Principal / Guidance Counselor (Required):

*Scholarship recipients agree to the use of their names, likenesses & information contained in their application packages for advertising & promotional purposes for the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program without further compensation or notification. "I certify that the information on this application is true & correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures. I understand that all information contained on this application is subject to verification and that false information will lead to disqualification."*

Applicant Signature (Required) Date:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature (Required) Date:

(parent/guardian signature is **only required** if applicant is under age 21 or claimed as a dependent)

**IV. WORK EXPERIENCE — 30 points possible**

A. **Essay 1** - In regards to your work experience briefly explain how you started, how it has developed and how it relates to your future goals.

B. Describe your work experience (including both farm and non-farm employment and activities.)

\* FFA members please include your supervised agricultural experience (SAE) activities, 4-H members include projects.

\*\* The terms used to describe size may include hours worked (paid/unpaid), number of acres, head of livestock, gross earnings, activities completed, project numbers, level of involvement, etc.

Year	Employment/Project *	Size/Scope**
<u><b>Year 1</b></u> Mo. _____ Yr. _____ to Dec. 31, Yr. _____		
<u><b>Year 2</b></u> Mo. Jan. 1, Yr. _____ to Dec. 31, Yr. _____		
<u><b>Year 3</b></u> Mo. Jan. 1, Yr. _____ to Dec. 31, Yr. _____		
<u><b>Year 4</b></u> Mo. Jan. 1, Yr. _____ to Dec. 31, Yr. _____		

**V. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES — 40 points possible**

A. List major school-related activities (offices held, committee assignments, awards, competitions, etc.) and the level of participation for each. One entry per line, please. Do not duplicate any activities.

Activity	Level of Participation (type in year)			
	Local/Chapter	Area/District	State	National
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

B. List involvement and achievements in major **non-school and community activities** that were helpful in making you a more involved and contributing individual to your community. **(DO NOT duplicate items listed in section A above.)**  
**One entry per line, please!**

Activity	Year
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

**VI. STUDENT STATEMENT —**

In the space below, explain why the scholarship committee should select you for a scholarship.

**VII. Essay**

**DO NOT attach supplemental information, statements or pages!**

In 2005, U.S. farmers will grow the tenth crop produced with biotechnology traits. As you reflect on this milestone, what benefits have your family or neighbors realized by using these products?

( Name )

( Social Security Number )

**VIII. ACADEMIC INFORMATION — (30 Points Possible)****RANK:** This applicant's class rank is  in a senior class of  students.**GPA:** Cumulative GPA of  on a 4.0 scale.SAT Score or ACT Score **IX. STUDENT CERTIFICATION ( Please check all that apply by placing an "X" in the box. )**1. I will be a full-time college student in the fall of 2005? ☐ Yes ☐ No2. At the time of application, I am currently a high school senior? ☐ Yes ☐ No3. I intend to receive my degree from a: ☐ college or university ☐ community college ☐ private school ☐ vocational technical school4. The highest undergraduate degree I plan to obtain is: ☐ two years ☐ four years ☐ vocational technical certificate

5. My major field of study will be: ( SEE LISTING ON NEXT PAGE )

( Use 1 letter  
& 3 Digit Code )

Intended Career Field

6. The college I plan to attend in the fall of 2005: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please include official name of post-secondary institution)**X. NEWSPAPER INFORMATION**

Local Newspaper Name \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Address \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**XI. FAMILY INFORMATION**Father/StepFather/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)Mother/StepMother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)**XII. ADVISOR'S STATEMENT (Advisor's Statement may be legibly handwritten)**

In the space below, please provide a brief evaluation of the applicant's academic program, extra-curricular involvement and potential for success in their chosen career field.

**To avoid disqualification, make sure that you have completed the following:**

- ☐ Your application is typewritten.
- ☐ You have acquired all necessary and required signatures.
- ☐ All information has been provided in required fields and is accurate.
- ☐ Your application is postmarked by **February 15, 2005**.

☐ Your application is mailed to:  
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## CAREER CLUSTER AREAS FOR THE FOOD, FIBER AND NATURAL RESOURCES INDUSTRY

**A. Agricultural and Forestry Production Specialist:** Agricultural and forest production units reach far beyond the traditional farm managers and ranch/owner/operators. Producers now take advantage of the integrated inputs of science, educators, business representatives and natural resource managers to create a diverse workforce.

A101 Agronomy & Crop Science  
A102 Animal Nutrition  
A103 Animal Science  
A104 Aquaculture  
A105 Dairy Science  
A106 Equine Science

A107 Farm & Ranch Management  
A108 Fishing & Fisheries Science  
A109 Forest Management  
A110 Horticulture  
A111 Landscape Architecture  
A112 Livestock Management

A113 Nursery & Landscape Management  
A114 Plant Science  
A115 Poultry Science  
A116 Turf Management  
A117 General Agriculture

**B. Communication and Education Specialists:** Computerized information management has necessitated growth in agricultural communication and education specializations. Combined with a strong emphasis on business communications, writers, broadcasters, science editors, environmental public relations, technical consulting and industrial educators provide an important component in the business structure.

B201 Agricultural Communications  
B202 Agricultural Education

B203 Agricultural Journalism  
B204 Agricultural Extension

B205 Agricultural Public Relations

**C. Managers and Financial Specialists:** Professionals who support an agricultural foundation with expertise in management, finance, accounting and/or statistics. Agribusiness financial managers, planners, government program managers, accountants and human resource managers represent occupations in this cluster.

C301 Agricultural Business Management  
C302 Agricultural Economics

C303 International Agriculture  
C304 Agricultural Finance

C305 Food Service Management

**D. Marketing, Merchandising and Sales Representatives:** Utilizing a broad array of scientific and business management tools, graduates placed in this cluster use a wide range of agricultural and natural resource backgrounds and have an interest and understanding of marketing and merchandising. Sales and marketing representatives of plant protection products, seeds, fertilizers, forest products and lawn, garden and nursery products are few examples of careers in this cluster. Grain merchandisers, market analysts and purchasing agents would be careers in this cluster.

D401 Agricultural Sales & Marketing

**E. Scientists, Engineers and Related Specialists:** This group includes professional problem solvers dealing with environmental challenges and is focused on assuring a safe, nutritious and economical food supply. Careers are found in many types of industries but primarily support research-oriented agendas. Bioprocess engineers, food process engineers, plant geneticists, forest scientists, animal reproductive physiologists and horticultural scientists find positions throughout universities, government laboratories and privately operated research programs.

E501 Agricultural Engineering  
E502 Agricultural Mechanization  
E503 Agriculture Power & Equipment  
E504 Agriscience Technician  
E505 Animal Breeding and Genetics  
E506 Animal Pathology  
E507 Biochemistry  
E508 Biological Sciences  
E509 Biotechnology

E510 Computer Systems in Agriculture  
E511 Conservation  
E512 Entomology  
E513 Environmental Engineering  
E514 Environmental Science  
E515 Food Packaging  
E516 Food Science & Technology  
E517 Marine Biology  
E518 Natural Resources Management

E519 Plant Breeding & Genetics  
E520 Plant Pathology  
E521 Pre-Vet/Vet Sciences  
E522 Pulp & Paper Technology  
E523 Range Science  
E524 Soil Conservation  
E525 Soil Science  
E526 Water Conservation  
E527 Wildlife Management

**F. Social Service Professionals:** Public interest in the environment, outdoor recreation activities, and safe and nutritious foods are principal factors, which will generate most social service positions. These careers require educated individuals involved in the inspection process to utilize sophisticated instruments and inspection procedures. Nutritionists, dietitians, regional and community planners and land-use specialists have highly valued professional positions in the social service arena.

F601 Parks & Recreation Studies  
F602 Rural Sociology

F603 Public Service & Administration in Agriculture  
F604 Dietetics

**G. Non Ag-Related Major:** Any career not directly related to the Food, Fiber and Natural Resources Industry.

G701 Aviation  
G702 Welding

G703 Hospitality  
G704 Other non-agriculture related

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**Monsanto Company** is a leading global provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality. The company is seeking to help farmers grow more food on less land with fewer resources and with less overall effect on the environment.

The company, headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, employs approximately 13,000 people worldwide. Its products include agricultural herbicides, field seeds, seed biotechnology traits, swine genetics and a dairy pharmaceutical. Familiar Monsanto brand names including Roundup® agricultural herbicides, DEKALB®, Asgrow®, YieldGard®, Bollgard®, Roundup Ready®, Posilac® 1 Step™ and Monsanto Choice Genetics®.

Monsanto Company is committed to supporting the sustainability and growth of the agricultural industry — whether it is through biotechnology or the next generation of young leaders. In addition to this scholarship program, Monsanto supports many other educational youth activities including:

- Volunteering senior management to serve on a variety of national ag youth boards, including the National FFA Sponsors Board, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees and the Agriculture Future of America Board of Directors.
- Recognizing outstanding agricultural efforts by high school seniors nationwide each year through the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, established in 1947.
- Providing over 50 years of sponsorship to the National FFA Organization through programs like the Ag Sales Career Development Event, AgriScience Student Scholarship and Recognition Program, Dairy Production Proficiency Award and the H.O. Sargent Award for diversity.
- Serving as the premier corporate sponsor of Salute to Excellence, the National 4-H Council's volunteer recognition program.
- Funding competitive mini-grants for state Agriculture in the Classroom programs to utilize in educational outreach focused on biotechnology, plant sciences, and agriculture and the environment.
- Underwriting the preparation of classroom materials about biotechnology and a website for educators at [www.teachingscience.org](http://www.teachingscience.org).
- Fostering new opportunities for scholarship, internship and leadership development for college ag students by providing state challenge grants through the Agriculture Future of America organization.

*For more information about Monsanto, its products and commitment to youth, visit [www.monsanto.com](http://www.monsanto.com).*

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There is one voice that is recognized by farmers and ranchers across America. It is a respected and trusted voice that is listened to at home, in the tractor or combine, in the shop or in the family car. It is the voice of the professional Farm Broadcaster.

**The National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB)** is the professional organization of radio and television farm broadcasters. The NAFB is the only group of its kind and is in its 61st year as an association. Efforts are dedicated to serving farmers and ranchers by broadcasting timely and accurate news, weather and market information. NAFB Farm Broadcasters are also an integral part of the broadcast community. Research shows that 81% of producers know their Farm Broadcaster by name. More importantly they know NAFB Farm Broadcasters as members of their communities and as friends.

The NAFB is involved in various efforts to help preserve the heritage of Farm Broadcasting and to improve the professionalism of their current members.

NAFB Foundation – Since 1975, the NAFB Foundation has provided financial support and educational opportunities to assure a bright future for Farm Broadcasting. Over the years this support has included college scholarships and Farm Broadcasting internship grants to assist students in pursuit of careers in agricultural communications.

*For more information on NAFB or to apply for scholarships, check out [www.nafb.com](http://www.nafb.com).*

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Members are living the FFA tradition through their academic involvement, community service, leadership development, SAE and FFA activities. Encourage them to be a part of another rich legacy – **the FFA Collegiate Scholarship program**. Over \$2 million worth of scholarships are available for 2005. Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2005.

*Ask an FFA advisor or guidance counselor for more information, or visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) to download an application.*

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